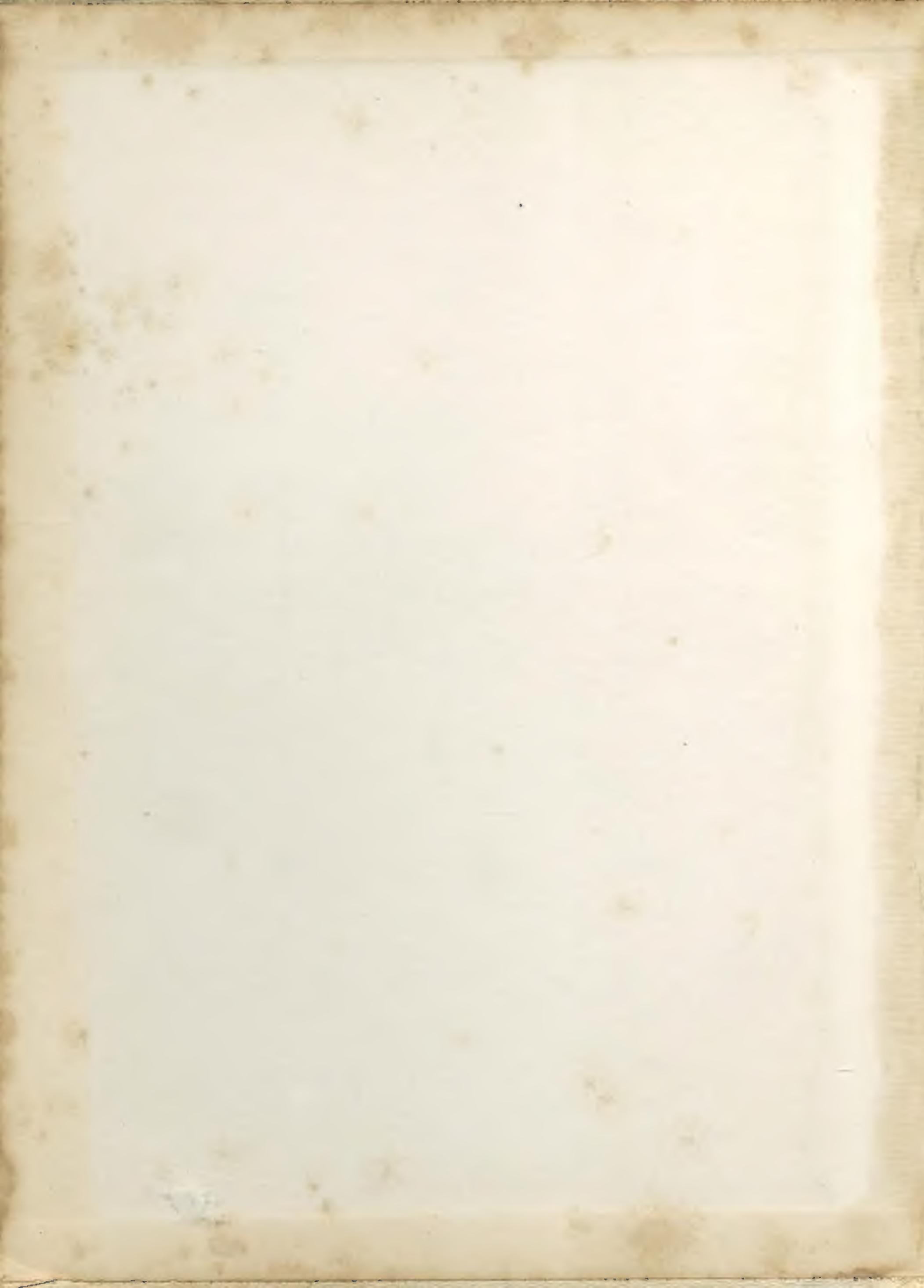


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administration



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Principal's Secretary

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First Grade

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Second Grade

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Fourth Grade

faculty



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Kindergarten

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First Grade



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Sixth Grade

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Fifth Grade





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Speech and English

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faculty

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Coach
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English, and Instrumental
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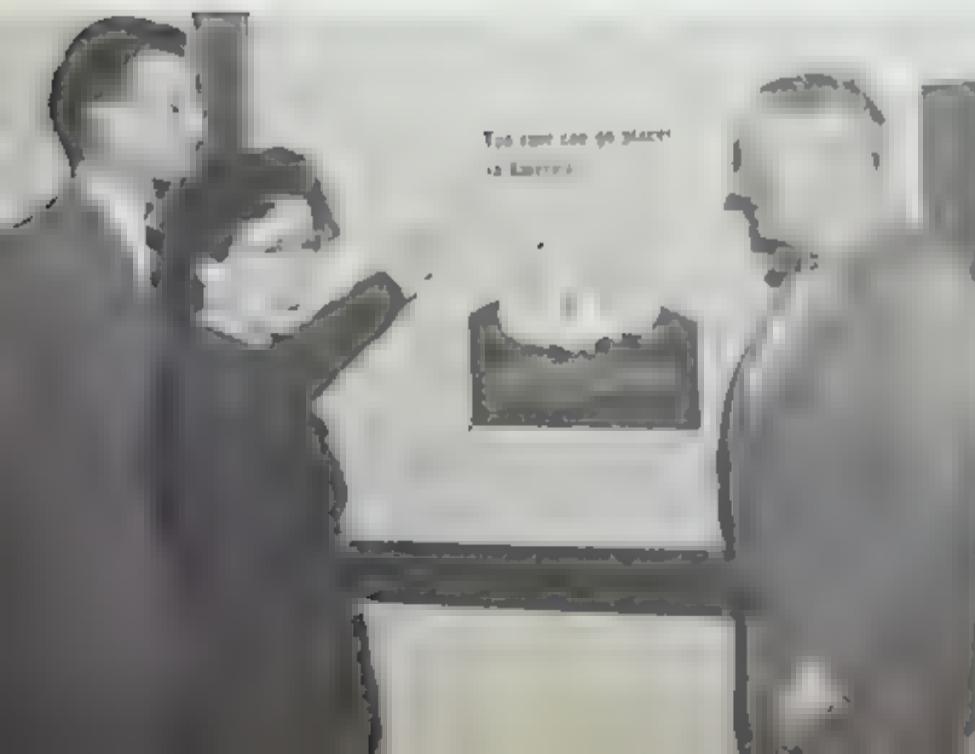
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Testing

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Mr. Edwin O. Vaughn
Biology, Chemistry, Physics



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Charles Hawley

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Donnalu Hess

Mary Hogue

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Rosemary Krumrei

Lawrence Larson

Frank Lula

Richard Lula

Mary Mandigo

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Joyce Masten

Ruth McDaniel

Linda McGuire

Kaya Mikle

Charles Moore

Violet Oswalt

Charmaine Rechner

Charles Richardson

Clark Rieck

Alice Ritsema

Sharon Rivette

Betty Root

Richard Russell

Nancy Scott

Patty Surrine

7th G R A D E



Sally Ahlgrim
Carol Ampey
Paula Ampey
Karl Benson
Connie Bradley
Kay Bush
Robert Calow
Robert Casarotto
Helen Cooper
Ann Fenton
Patricia Cutler
Carol Ford
James Frego



Alex Lanphear
Judith Smith
Robert Smith
Richard Starr
George Stratton
Eugene Terrell
Vera Trafford
Ellen Wartwig
Gary Whitworth
Joyce Waldrop
Jacqueline Glidden
Lawrence Glidden
David Hall
Susan Hall

Lois Ayers
David Ampey
Barbara Brynelsen
Leland Cook
Vincent Counterman
Ralph Cutler
Harvey Deal
Bill Douglas
Fred Dunlap
Dolores Farrow
George Farster
Rosetta Flick
James Foster
Earl Hummel
David Halsted
Dudley Johnson
Kathryn Krumrei
Don LaRue
Sandra Maxam
Malcolm McLellan

Thomas Smith Drucilla Plank
Stacy Thompson Dolores Plug
Fred Wenz Richmond Rix
Nancy Willard Billy Sirrine
Jerry Wilson Lois Soule
Ora Martin Noreen Terrell

Shirley Daines
Robert Dudle
Kenneth Edlund
Bill Fisk
Marilyn Ford
Kenny Goodenough
Diane Hoger
Alice Jordan
Mary Murch
Robert Palmer
Robert Pressey
Bill Redman
Charlotte Reits
Sharon Riecks
Kathleen Sample
George Starks
Margaret Stimac
Rodney Glidden
Carol Henson
James Holcomb
Dortha Lipp
Alan Mumbrue
JoAnn Palmer
Andrew Pelt
James Prawat
Donald Price
Jack Livingston

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Janet Quigno
Gwendolyn Ross
Reuben Smith
Clayton Pearce
David Ross
Patricia Spiech
Ann Starr
Marlow Terry
Paul Thome
Dorothy Weinhart
Elvin Adams
Beverly Ballance
Bob Barnes
Tom Barnes
Charles Belanger
Judith Brockway
Ruth Brown
Claudette Chocola
Diane Cole
Bill Cooper

Bill Schmidt
Vernon Tinker
Elaine Turas
Francele Adduci
Verne Branch
LeRoy Castle
Ray Cutler
Ben Demereck

Michael Hartman
Robert Hindenach
Lillian Hoffman
Patricia Hoger
Steve Holcomb
Tyrrell Hughes
Richard Husband
John Hrycko
Beverly Jacobs
Bonnie Jenkins
Chad Johnson
Kenneth Judd
Norman Karlberg
Margaret Kendall
James LaVanway
Judy Leslie
E. Jane Lewis
Lawrence Burns
Ed Buskirk
Nancy Byers
Barbara Carlson
Larry Coleman
Larry Connelly
Elizabeth Coombs
Wynell Harris
Diana Daines
John Demerick

9th G R A D E

Frank Lipp
Larry McCray
Beverly McLean
Alan McLean
Doris McLean

Horace Goodwin
Doris Goodwin
Virginia Grimes
Marijorie Lipp
Philip Crowder

Virginia Verkonski
Ellen Vukorpa
Alvin West
Duane Willett
Laurel Willsea
Thomas Zikan
Roger Midling
Michael Miller
Joseph Minarovic
Mary Mumford
Richard Mundo
Norman Newman
Judith Novas
Jerry Owens
Paul Palmer
Willard Poulin
Wendy Riedl
Robert Roat
Richard Schallhern

Patricia Lewis
John McLean
John McLean
Bill McLean
Beverly McLean

Dick Drake
Mary Dowd
Larry Elliott
Sandra Scott
Wilder Scott

Jacqueline Ambs
Beverly Ampey
Reta Ampey
Roger Baker
Judy Bell
Allan Benwire
David Berner
Richard Bonarski
Susan Bowers
Judy Bowser
Ralph Birdsell
Bill Bradley
Mike Breitenbach
Linda Fisk
Fred Fitczyk
Marilyn Goens
Roger Goens
Richard Scotes
Geraldine Seabury
Joyce Serbenski

thespian troupe 447



Third row: D. Hoger, D. Young, D. Paul, T. Bessey, C. Langerfeld, B. Henderson, L. Baker. Second row: M. Pugsley, J. Webb, S. Swindell, J. Hoger, S. Burger, J. Hartman, Miss Freer. First row: B. Meyers, S. Cole, F. Blakeman, J. TenHouten, G. Barnes, G. Miller.

The high-light of the year for Thespian Troupe 447 was the presentation of the play, Our Town, by Thornton Wilder.

Other activities included a banquet at which new members were officially initiated, and several theatre trips to Kalamazoo.

President: Jacqueline TenHouten
Vice President: Phyllis Blakeman

Secretary-Treasurer: Gene Miller
Clerk: Georgia Barnes



"COME OVER TO OUR HOUSE"



Produced by the Community Council on March 31 and April 1, 1967, at the High School Auditorium, directed by Mr. Edward J. Lavelle, Miss Evelyn Treier.

The cast included Carl Silas, Larry Baker, Bruce Henderson, David Hoger, Bill Young, Tom Bessey, Dick Paul, Gene Miller, Joanna Webb, Phyllis Blasen, Judy Hartman, Susan Swindell, Sharon Cole, Martha Puglsey, Susan Burger, Barbara Meyer, Carol Poulin, and Carol Leslie.

Assistant Director was Mr. Lavelle, and Miss Hoger, and Charles Langerveld served as the stage manager.



"OUR TOWN"



On November 13 and 14, 1953, the National Thespians presented Our Town by Thornton Wilder.

Under the able direction of Miss Frel, the actors of the cast gave a grand performance to an enthusiastic audience.



football

Row 1. J. Coleman, T. Sorenson, A. Ewert, J. Owens, W. Ampey, C. Silas, J. Abnet, G. Campbell, A. McHir, D. Ampey, N. Newman, D. Lamb, D. Soules, A. McVie L.

Row 2. L. Campbell, J. Cole, G. B. St. John, G. Kolosar, L. Rivette, R. Compton, B. Kruse, G. Gault, J. Magg, C. White, N. Green C. McRae, B. Post.

Row 3. G. Burkhardt, L. Cole, P. Walters, D. Hoger, J. Goviea, C. Silas, T. Price, C. McRae, P. Ewert.

Despite the lack of ~~experience~~ from last year's fine football team, the 1952 squad had an remarkable season of six wins and three losses which earned them third place in the rugged K. V. A. League, only one-half game behind the second place winner.

Determination combined with excellent teamwork proved to be the success formula for the 1953 football squad.

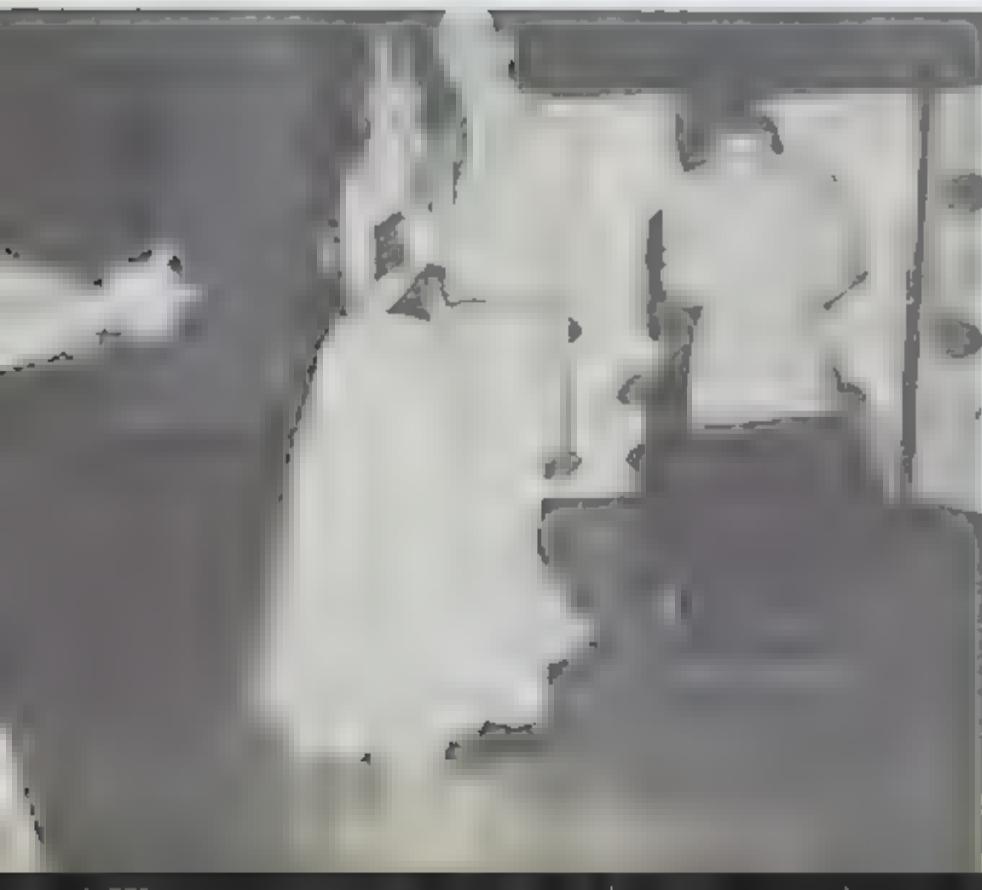




homecoming

Queen Martha Pusley, with members of her court, reigned over homecoming activities on October 3. A parade, led by the band and including floats from all grades and organizations of the High School, was a feature of the afternoon, and ended with a pep session on South Main Street.

Between halves of the football game between the Fernside and Vicksburg Bulldogs that evening, Queen Martha was crowned by Mr. W. C. Archer. A dance, to which alumni were invited, followed which ended the homecoming festivities.



student council



Standing: D. Spayde, S. Overhuel, B. Dorstewitz, H. Aresuk, B. Henderson.
Seated: M. Pugsley, T. Bessey, J. Hoger, R. Lanphear.

The two big events of the year sponsored by the Student Council were Homecoming and the Christmas Dance.

The Homecoming parade on October 30 was one of the best in several years, as was the dance after the game.

For the Christmas party, the Council tried something new and held the "Snowflake Frolic" in the Study Hall which was cleverly decorated for the occasion with a Christmas tree and snow man.

President
Vice President
Secretary-Treasurer

Tom Bessey
Martha Pugsley
Jacque Hoger

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Earl Agate
Helen Aresux
Carol Bessey
Eddie Beutler
Gordon Blakeman
Russell Boley
Lenora Boyne
Bill Brynlesen
Janet Burns
Lillian Cesokas
John Coleman
Mildred Compton
LeMeine Curtis
Deloris Davis
Robert DePierre
Georgiana Dimas
Bonnie Douglas
Kay Ewert
Susan Farrington
Buz Fender
Eloise Glidden
Yvonne Goodrich
Nick Green
Royal Haefner
George Hattrick
Bill Hess

Barbara Zikan
Tom Anson
Walter Coombs

Georgia Schmidt
Marvin Scruggs
Mercia Shefier

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Donald Moon
Loretta Moore
Auele Mumford

James Higley
Thomas Bodd
Lewis Johnson

Jacqueline Johnson
Ronald Klazura
Martha Kendall
Constance Lambert
Carolyn Landers
Cornelia Lozanske
Alan McDaniel
John McGuire
Allen McMachen
James McNellis
Irene Meabon
Sharon Mikle
Daniel Wojciechowski
Glenda Wolf
Sarah Wolf
Elden Sample
Robert Mock

Eugene Sherrod
Gilbert Seeley
Clare Silas
Ruth Skibbe
Harold Snellgrose
Richard Spayde
Judy Stanis
Charles Stearns
Gregory Tirlich
Lillian Tyler
David Walker
Tom Waters
Carol Nardielle
William Outman
Linda Pearce
Robert Redman
Martin Reschner
Bernard Ross
Geraldine Ziegler

Bert Kruse
Gladys Kruta
Rosemarie Labadie
Suzanne Larson
David Lamb
LeRoy Lesser
Delphine Lula
Fred Lula
Linda Longcore
Betty McKinley
Richard McNellis
Betty Marr
Betty Martin
Madelyn Masten
Hugh Maxam
Coleman Mock
Susan Overhoul
Dean Soule



Jerry Abnet
Ronnie Adams
John Adriance
Keith Huey

Jerry Sackett
Robert Seeley
Donald Sirrine
Virginia Roberts

Don Arpey
Wilbur Arpey
Marilyn Beattie
Bill Belen
Linda Benson
Russell Boley
Edward Bradley
Reuben Calow
Faye Campbell
Gordon Castle
Ronald Compton
Jerry Coombs
Phillip Curtis
Bill Dorstewitz
Lenore Feige
Ted Felcyn
Jacob Frego
Marian Huey
Sandra Johnson
Emogene Jordan
Lucille Kately
Carol Klazura
George Kolosar
Jim Kowalski
Dorothy Powell
Mary Reed
George Richmond

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Robert Goens
Ruth Goodenough
Eleanor Gronau
Gloria Gyarmathy
Charlotte Hose
Margaret Harris
Lynn Rivette
Sharon Rumsey
Robert Trafford
Audrey Venckus
Gloria Verkonski
Hale Whisler
Clifford White
James Wragg
Jim Bowser
Kay Rix
Anita St. Pierre

Claudette Sziffrancwski
Edwin Tiras
Garry Thras

Joanna Plitek
Elaine Pedersen





CHOIR

With a membership of ninety, the High School Choir has done a fine season's work. The first performance of the group was a guest appearance at Lawton High School early in the year.

The choir presented a Thanksgiving program before a student assembly on November 25, and gave the traditional Christmas program on Wednesday evening, December 16, in the High School Auditorium.

The group took part in the Southwestern Michigan Vocal Festival on April 29 in Kalamazoo, and also gave a fine performance at the annual Spring Concert.

Choir Council:

President: Gil Seeley

Vice President: Pat McNellis

Secretary-Treasurer: Judy Hartman

Librarian: Phyllis Blakeman

Gown Custodian: Barbara Meyer

General Manager: Joe Govia



Third row: T. Bessey, G. Seeley, D. Hoger, C. Silas, S. Burger, E. Vukorpa, P. McNellis. Second row: M. Pugsley, J. Hoger, J. Webb, B. Dorstewitz, C. Stearns, L. Feige, L. Moore. First row: C. Bessey, J. Hartman, M. Scruggs, B. Henderson, L. Coleman, B. Meyer, R. Lanphear. Accompanist: J. Murch.

VARSITY CHOIR

The Varsity Choir consists of twenty members and, besides its regular appearances with the choir, has made various community appearances.

The Varsity Choir is a fairly new idea at Paw Paw and it is a privilege to belong to the organization. The only requirement for membership is membership in the regular choir. New members are chosen by those members remaining from the previous year.





CONCERT BAND

Each year many students try out for the Paw Paw Bands. Approximately 85 are selected to play in the Symphonic Concert Band. These successful students study band music with regular professional routine. The organization is composed of selected musicians whose main purpose is to study and perform the highest forms of music, and to give members contact with a large amount of the best music as a part of the educational program.

The Symphonic Band has won acclaim throughout the area for its annual "Band Show" and Pop Concerts. During 1954 the Tri-Cities Concert Series continued to gain in popularity. Outstanding guest conductors were secured for these traditional events. A Spring Band Tour climaxed a successful year.

Since its founding, the Symphonic Band has continually risen to take its place as one of the finest organizations of its kind. It is looked upon with pride by the school, the community, and each band member.

dance band



Second row: J. LaVanway, B. Outman, F. Walters, Mr. McEmber, L. Kately, J. Murch. First row: T. Bessey, C. Hose, M. Masten, R. Lanphear, R. Husband.

"The Modernaires", popular dance band composed of high school students and directed by Mr. Robert McEmber, made several appearances at school functions during the year. Their first appearance was at the Homecoming Dance on October 30. Again on December 12, they performed at the "Snowflake Frolic", the annual Christmas party.

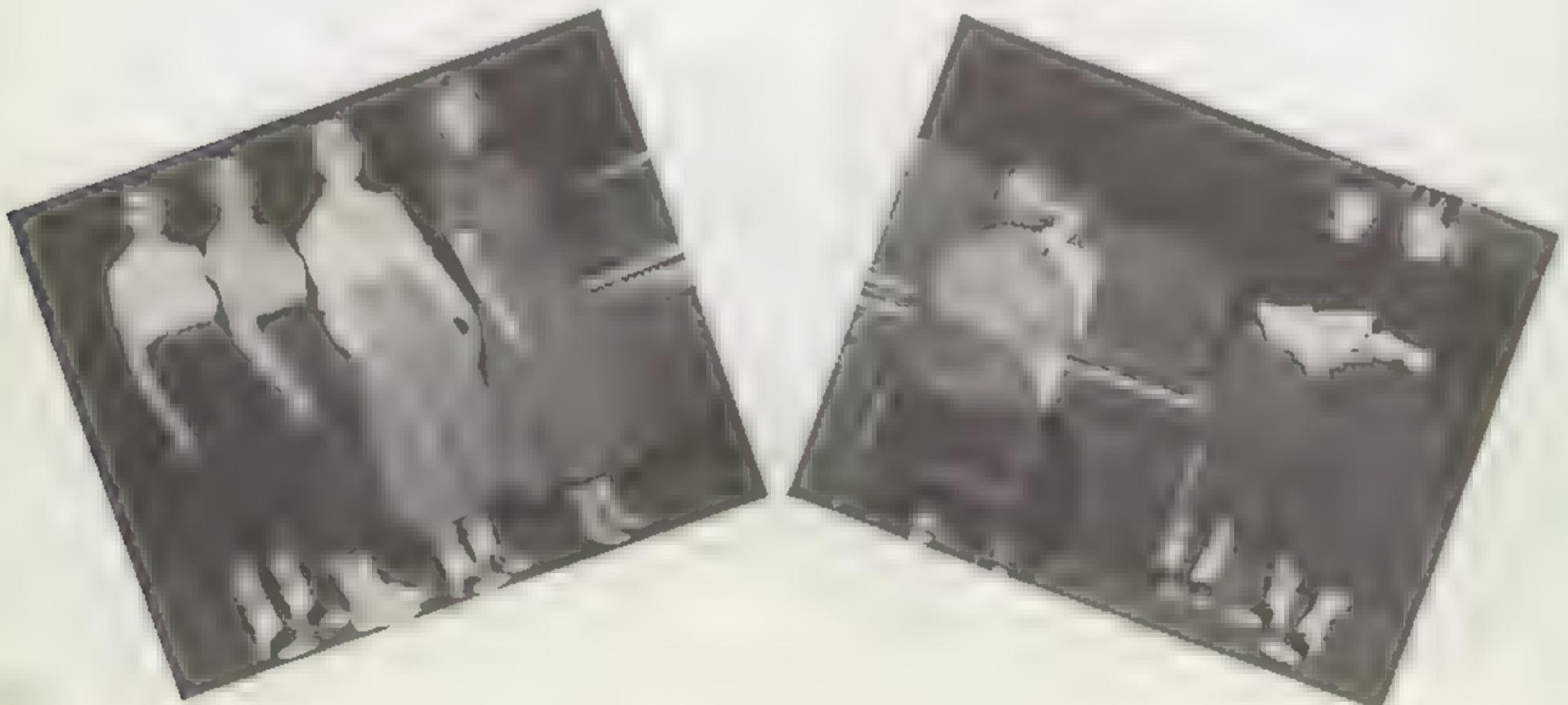
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band and choir



features



latin club



Second row: R. Mock, G. Blakeman, B. Hess, D. Walker, G. Seeley, S. Paulus M. McNellis. First row: C. Lambert, D. Davis, M. Sheffer, M. Kendall, A. Mumford, G. Demis, G. Ziegler, L. Moore. Seated: Miss Kirby, S. Farrington L. Pearce, T. Hood, L. Cesokas.

The Latin Club of Paw Paw High School was organized in October.

The purpose of the club is to encourage the study of Latin and to support other worthy activities of the school and the community.

First year Latin students were initiated as members during the second semester. A bigger and more beautiful Roman banquet was the main project of the year.

President: Tom Hood

Vice President: Lillian Cesokas

Secretary: Linda Pearce

Treasurer: Susan Farrington

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



Paw Paw Chapter 49 of the Future Farmers of America is a branch of the national organization.

It is a club of boys with a genuine interest in agriculture.

Activities during the year have included field trips to study various phases of farming, planting and caring for shrubbery, and sponsoring the regional F. F. A. contest on March 2.

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Reporter
Watch Dog

George Barkovich
Ed McKee
Ron Compton
Glen Belanga
Ed Bradley
Don Ampey



Basketball



Standing: J. Webb, R. Bukovac, F. Blakeman, A. Stoughton.

Seated: J. Schrump, E. Vukorpa, M. Edlund.

Standing: J. Webb, E. Taylor, R. Bukovac, S. Cole.

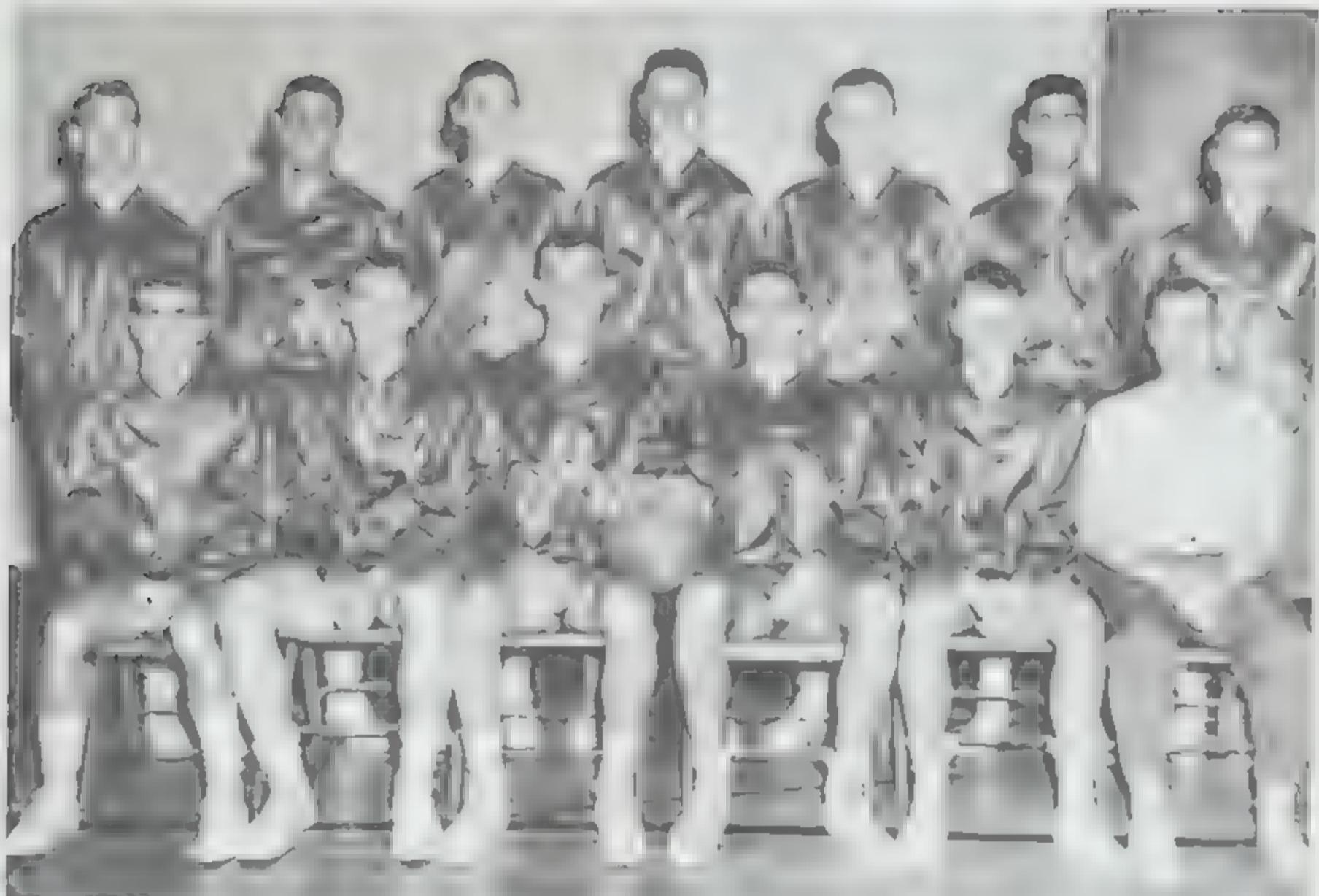
Seated: J. Schrump, E. Vukorpa, M. Edlund, A. Eltian, J. Whitmore.

Volleyball





BASKETBALL



Standing: L. Rivette, E. Bradley, B. Seeley, J. Abnet, B. Kruse, D. Amey, J. Raag. Seated: E. Henderson, J. Hoger, C. Silas, J. Goveia, G. Miller, Coach Wayne Falan.

The Redskins turned out a very successful year in basketball. They lost their season opener to Mattawan, then won fourteen games for a winning streak which was abruptly ended by St. Augustine in the district tournament.

Paw Paw won the K. V. A. Tournament at Vicksburg, received the league trophy at the close of the season, and was honored by the presentation of a plaque by the Kalamazoo Gazette for top ranking among twenty-one Class C teams in the area.

Three senior players- Joe Goveia, Dave Hoger, and Gene Miller- made the all K. V. A. nomination. They, with Bruce Henderson and Carl Silas, will be missed by next year's squad.



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CLASS OFFICERS



David Hoger
President



Carl Silas
Vice President



Miss Freer
Advisor



Mr. Mc Gugan
Advisor



Ruby Bukovac
Treasurer



Joanna Webb
Secretary



Alice Kubian, "Al" "If life is worthwhile, meet it with a smile."

Love of dancing...shoulder bag...darling brothers... "Oh, yeah?"

Leaves her latest dance steps to future Arthur Murray enthusiasts.

In twenty years.. head of Sardine, Inc., Norway.

Edna May Taylor, "When she says she will, she will; you can depend on it. When she says she won't, she won't, and that's the end of it."

maroon jacket...makin' hamburgs...that hair cut...Billy Boy.

Leaves her position at the bass drum to Jim Lyley.

In twenty years.. cans "Ketmuspicion", the "All-in-One".



Judith Hartman, "Jude" "A winning way, attractive face, ambition fitting her for any place."

Love of Italians...clarinet...sweet disposition... blond hair...cleaning "hypo" needles...blushes... "How about a lap around the track?"

She leaves for Michigan State and her test tubes.

In twenty years.. Miss America of 1960.



Thomas Bessey, "Tom" "What! No girls in heaven? Just leave me here."

Four wheel drive...any Crystal Flash stamp missing, Tom?...going steady...

Leaves his first chair trombone to Mike Hartman.

In twenty years.. number one debater for the Republican Party.



Joseph Goveia, "Joe" "A rare combination, so we've heard tell- A very good scholar and athlete as well."

huge frame...good sportsmanship...sense of humor... long distance...Gobles 7 F 14"...green Studebaker...

Leaves his temper to anyone who wants it. Any offers? In twenty years- Einstein's sidekick.



Jacqueline Ten Houten, "Jack" "Listen to her for one hour and you'll laugh for two."

Texas drawl...cowboy boots...love of horses...books... car...Lawton...teapots...her dandy jokes...

Leaves her wise-cracks and good jokes to Ed. Buskirk. In twenty years.. Chief Bookie at Churchill Downs.



Georgia Barnes, "George" "A peppy girl with blue eyes, a personality twice her size."

How that girl can talk.."Don't worry, baby, it'll be alright".."Light and Bright".....

Leaves her well beaten path to Western to anyone who can bum a ride.

In twenty years..international hostess, with the 'hostest' on the ball.



Glen Belanga, . . . "Men of few words are good men."

Where's your class ring. Curly? . . . clean that windshield well . . . noisy black Ford.

Leaves his astounding ability in government class to Jim Wragg.

In twenty years . . . world's greatest news commentator.

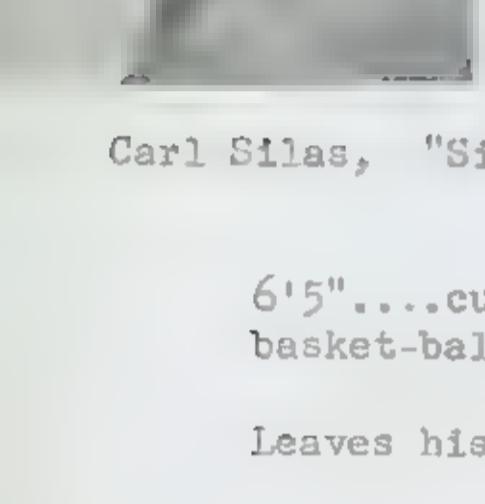


Marlene Edlund, "There's a little bit of bad in every good little girl."

Pretty blonde hair...athletic ability...how about that dandy truck...what a driver!...friendly... "number please".

Leaves her love for Chicago to Lucille Kately.

In twenty years.. permanent chaperone for Senior trips of future Paw Paw students.



Carl Silas, "Si" "Girls, he's not shy, take a look and give a sigh."

6'5"....curly hair...deer... Model A car...football... basket-ball...always ready to help...wiggle your ears...

Leaves his ability to serve punch at dances to Fred Lula.

In twenty years.. Head clown on Big Top.



Gene Miller, "No sinner and no saint perhaps, but, well, the very best of chaps."

Sports...friendly...good looks...tall...smart... mind of his own...

Leaves his small parts in the plays to Hale Whisler.

In twenty years.. weight lifter for Barnum Bailey Circus.



Joanna Webb, "Jo" "Peaceful, thoughtful, resigned, always modest, sweet, and kind."

Drums...sweet...likeable...athlete...clothes.

Leaves her place in the band to Jim Higley.

In twenty years.. President of the world's 4H Clubs.



Bruce Henderson "Bones" "Such men as he are the cause of women hating each other."

Oldsmobile...down by the riverside (PawPaw River, that is)...good-natured...smooth dresser...where's your glasses...guns...

Leaves his ways with the women to Dick Spayde.

In twenty years.. Africa's "biggest" game hunter.



Martha Pugsley, "Life without mischief is no fun."

Blue-grey skirt...dreams...job at record shop... "That's cool"...Western..."Who's up there, Martha?"

She leaves her third hour trips to Kay and Anita.

In twenty years.. National Woman Golf Champion.



Ruby Bukovac, "The more of her you know the fonder you will grow."

A very sweet gal...Girls' State...class officer... willing worker...

Leaves her ability to keep her own class ring to Lenore Feige.

In twenty years.. runs roller coaster at Coney Island.



Stephen Paulus, "Steve" "One who is willing to do what must be done."

Languages...farm...truck...band..

Leaves his cornet to a deserving Junior.

In twenty years .. Language interpreter for U.N.





Charles Langerveld, "Chuck" "All great men are dead
and I don't feel well."

Sunny disposition (?)...taxi service...what's that
on your ear, Chuck?...beard...easy on the punch...
liquid, that is...

Leaves Miss Freer a bottle of brown dye to cover
all the gray hairs he caused.

In twenty years.. arguer against anything anyone
else is in favor of.

Susan Swindell, "Cass" "I'd rather be little and shine,
than be large and cast a shadow."



Blue Chevy car...scatter brain...Tweed perfume...
good dancer...collection of class rings...short hair..

She leaves her inability to understand jokes to Sue
Johnson.

In twenty years... head tennis coach at University
of Michigan.



Patricia McNe Lis, "Pat" "I need no ship to cross the tide
of success."

Friends...winning ways...books...hours of study...smile
...telephone office...

Leaves her knowledge of English to anyone who will sit
and listen.

In twenty years - business manager at Macy's store.



William Young, "Bill" "I don't let my studies interfere with my education."

Olds...Japanese(?)...black curly hair...ability to
get into mischief...Mr. Stavinski...

Leaves his government and physics books to Reuben
Calow - "Make better use of them than I did."

In twenty years.. official interpreter for the
Japanese Embassy.



Phyllis Blakeman, "Phyl" "She turns her back on boys and then turns around backward."

Short hair...boy troubles...clothes...corny jokes... "Come on, you guys"....

Leaves her ability to collect brownie points to Carole Nardielle.

In twenty years.. president of the Lonely Hearts Club.



Susan Burger, "Clem" "As quiet and inconspicuous as a World War."

Love of cashmere... '53 Mercury... How's the transmission... men!!..."Fifty cents worth of gas, please."

Leaves for Northwestern to acquire more knowledge.

In twenty years.. Tunes and dusts pianos in Carnegie Hall.



Barbara Meyer, "Barbie" "In each cheek appears a pretty dimple."

Diamond... office practice... Kalamazoo... Chevie... Meyer's Dry Goods...

Leaves for Kalamazoo... Here I come, Bill.

In twenty years.. works in pineapple cannery in Hawaii.



Lawrence Baker, "Larry" . . . "I like work. It fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours."

Blue convertible . . . green shirt and blue pants . . . Oh, no! . . . blushes easily . . . "Where's the lawn - mower, Lar?"

Leaves his delightful hours of working in his father's grocery store to Gordon Blakeman.

In 20 years - will be running for governor on the Prohibition ticket.

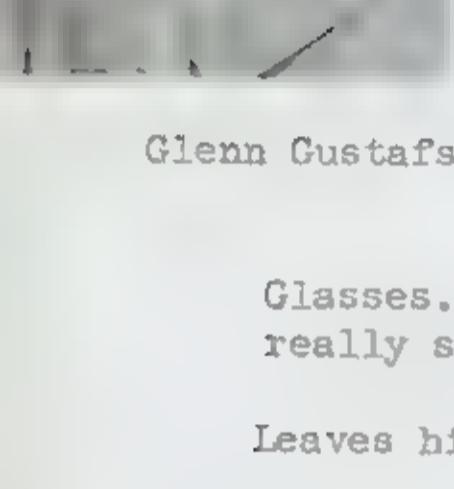


Jacquelyn Hoger, "Jacque" "Every one has her faults and being nice is hers."

Nice smile...steno notebook...hair styles...always happy...

Leaves her sunny disposition to Sandy Johnson.

In twenty years.. hair stylist for M.G.M.



Glenn Gustafson, "Gus" "Beware, even yet I may do something sensational."

Glasses...brain...Plymouth...quiet ways...a really swell guy...

Leaves his mathematical ability to Reuben Calow.

In twenty years- physics teacher at Paw Paw.



Evelyn Vukorpa, "Ev" "Good-natured and full of fun - one who's liked by every one."

athletic...always smiling...Gene...red bathing suit..."How about that picture?"...

Leaves her saxophone to Wendy Riedl.

In twenty years.. teaches phys. ed. at Paw Paw.



Ruth Lanphear, "Ruthie" "A woman always has the last word."

Her sweaters...typing room...giggling...temper, temper!

Leaves her gift of gab to Judy Bell.

In twenty years.. Tony Curtis' private secretary.



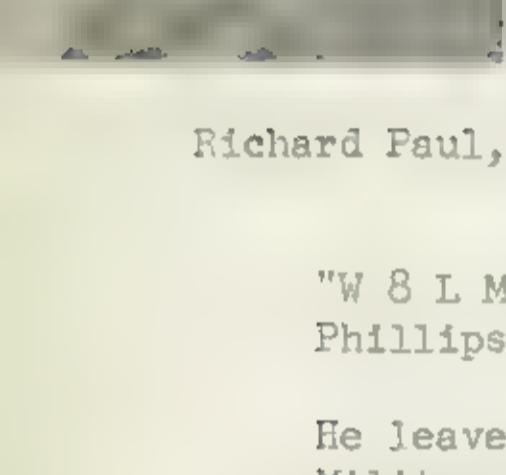


Judith Karch, "Judy" "May she never change, except her name."

Baton...musical ability...Spanish...black hair...
Michigan State...

Leaves her perfect ways and manners to Linda Pearce.

In twenty years .. model for Powers.



Richard Paul, "Dickie" "From little sparks burst a mighty flame."

"W 8 L M K"....generous...book of matches...
Phillips 66...Frank Smith...radio H A M

He leaves his copy of the Universal Code of Military Justice to Gene Sherrod.

In twenty years... head phone tapper for F.B.I.



Frank Wayne Walters, "Frankie" "Don't take life too seriously. You'll never get out of it alive!"

Cornet...turning cars over...crew cut...muscles...

Leaves his sophomore girl to walk to Band by herself for the next two years.

In twenty years.. directs his own dance band Frankie's Fearsome Five.



Susan Wilson "Helpfulness is her second nature."

Always neat...sweet disposition...her boy friend...
earrings...

Leaves her friendly ways to Loretta Moore.

In twenty years.. dietician at the Waldorf - Astoria.





Carol Poulin, "The world's no better if we worry -
life's no longer if we hurry."

glasses...boy's ring...Government.

Leaves for Western!

In twenty years.. department store detective.

Carol Leslie, "She's a happy little country girl."

Scads of books...alto voice...sewing machine...
cook book..."wouldn't be surprised"

Leaves, but her sisters will carry on her shy ways.

In twenty years.. missionary to the long lost Aborigines.



Mary Caroline Taylor, "Mary" "I am a woman - when
I think, I must speak."

Long hair...glasses...writing poetry...language
classes...oh, Dick...green Ford...plaid coat...

Leaves her curls to Diana Daines.

In twenty years.. columnist for Paw Paw's Daily
Journal, her latest article
entitled "How to Get Along
With Your Big(?) Sister."



Betty Pedersen "Visible red hair but where's the
temper?"

absences...neat...man-hater...likes government?

Leaves - Who know's where? Not us!

In twenty years.. first woman candidate for
president.





David Hoger, "Dave" "I'm willing to be convinced, but
find the one who can convince me."

Athletic...stubborn?..M.S.C....deer hunting...a
heck of a nice guy...him we like...

Leaves his ability to argue with the teachers to
Clifford White.

In twenty years.. Watch out, Hoover..Dave's after
your position in the F.B.I.



Sharon Cole, "Thoughtful and resigned - modest,
sweet and kind."

work at Parkway..."Catsup with the french fries,
please"....Ken...volley-ball...typing

Leaves her love of Mattawan to - on second thought,
who would accept it?

In twenty years.. business manager for Freer
Productions, Incorporated.



Shirley Monroe, "Shirl" "On her third finger there is a
sparkle."

Muscles...sweet...small...Ford cars...Spanish...blue
skirt...hope chest..."Number, please"....

Leaves to set up housekeeping.

In twenty years.. ballet star in the production Red
Shoes.



George Barkovich, . . . "Be quiet and be safe."

He's learning fast . . . his numbers . . .
football, that is.

Leaves his F. F. A. jacket to Jim Bowser.

In twenty years . . . President of Almena
Agricultural School for Girls.



Jeanne Schrump, "Jean" "Not too serious, not too gay, but she has a pleasing way."

Clarinet.. muscles.. athlete...telephone office... blond hair.

Leaves her seat in bookkeeping to some willing Junior.

In twenty years.. Star for Women's Pro Basketball Team.



Richard Dage, "Dick" "I don't mind coming to school.. but the bells keep me awake."

Tall and big...easy going...well liked...trumpet trio...3 Jacks..."Know what I mean!".

Leaves to find a better place to sleep.

In twenty years.. professor of meteorology at the State University.



Edward McKee, "Ed" "I'm not as bashful as I look."

F.F.A. jacket...his Soph. girl...good looks...shy ways... his car.....

Leaves his shy glances at girls to Jerry Abnet.

In twenty years.. plays the part of Frankenstein.



Wanda Skibbe, "Life's short and so am I."

Blond hair...shortness...journalism...Chevie convertibles.. trips to Watervliet...working at laundry...

Leaves her love of basket ball to Sharon Wolf.

In twenty years.. Bag pipe instructor at the University of Scotland.





Alice Faye Stoughton, Alice "A little shy perhaps, but not too shy to be friendly."

Red hair...blush...long walks home...work at Dillons'

Leaves her abundance of freckles to Linda Fisk.

In twenty years.. author of best seller, "How to Jerk Sodas in Three Easy Lessons."



Lucinda Hall, "Cinda" "Behind that quiet look..a daring mind."

How many days till graduation?...convertible... work at Parkway...likeable...

Leaves gladly!

In twenty years- Latin teacher at a university.



Jeannine Whitmore, "A face with smiles overspread- she sighs not but laughs instead."

Jokes...car...pink sweater...dime store...

Leaves her notes in Government to James Mock.

In twenty years.. Champion bean thrower.



Margarette Berner, "Peggy" "Easy to know and easy to like."

Long flowing tresses...weakness for red heads...flippin' hamburgs...long walks home on cold days.

Leaves for - who knows where - Don!

In twenty years.. Swimming instructor at Y.W.C.A.

SENIORS



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Best all-around



Fattiest eyes

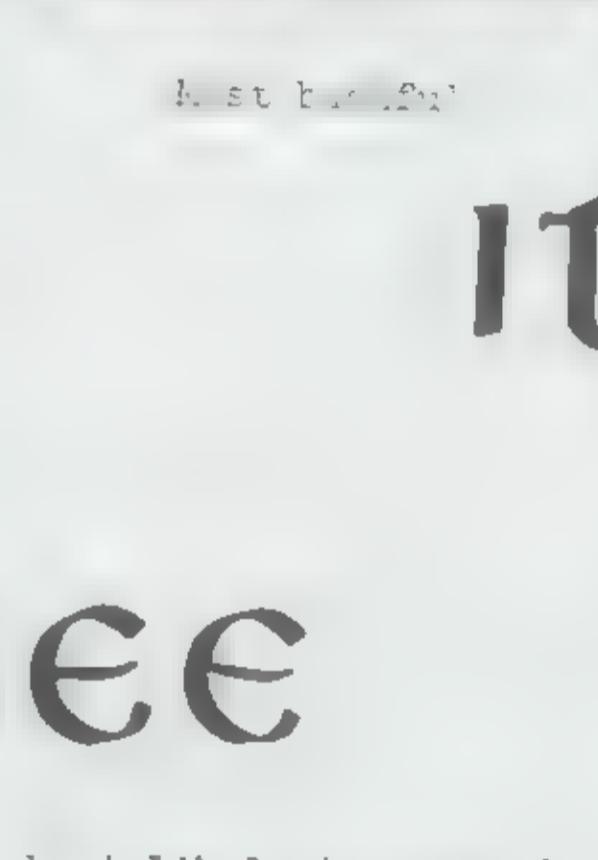


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Class dressers



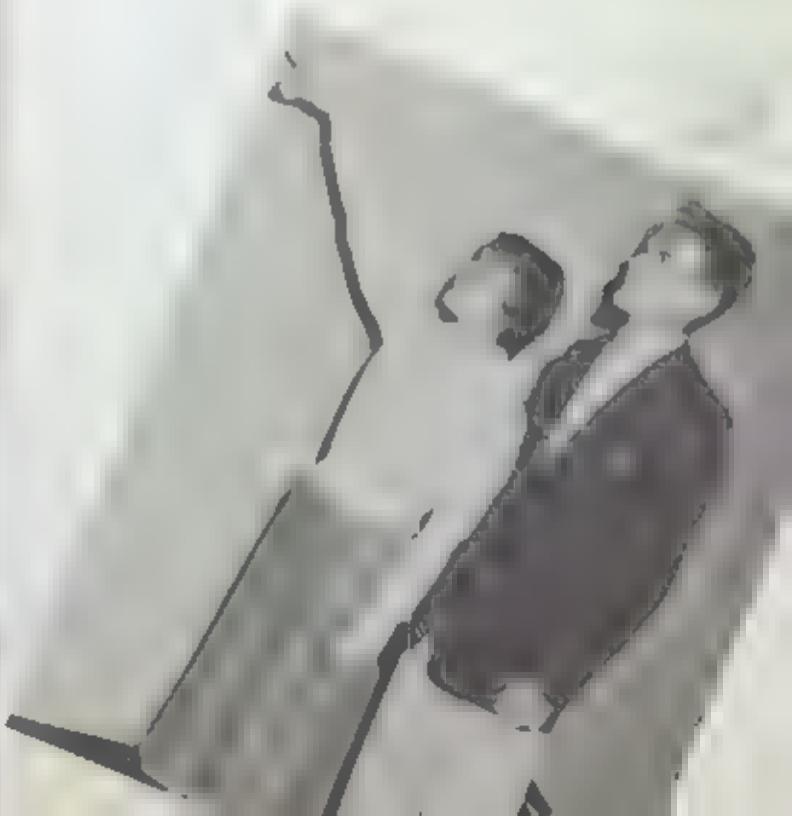
Most likely to succeed

it



Best dancers

Best-dressed





"a night

"A Night in Paris"

was the theme of the prom when the Seniors of '53 were entertained by the Juniors.

On May 23 the gym was transformed into a street in Paris, complete with sidewalk cafe.

Lining one side of the room were several shops. Guests entering the gym were provided with 'money' with which they could purchase perfume, hats, magazines, and canes.

On the opposite side of the room was the cafe "Moulin Rouge."

Opposite the bandstand, which was a huge inverted umbrella, was a goldfish pond with fish,

in PARIS"

turtles, and flowers.

White garden furniture added to the decorative effect.

"A Night in Paris" was attended by students, faculty, and alumni. Refreshments were served in the cafe "Moulin Rouge" by bartenders Carl Silas and Joe Goria.

Entertainment included a comedian, Don Layne, from Kalamazoo College. Others entertaining were Judy Murch and Nancy Sinclair, who played a piano duet, and Susan Burger, vocal soloist.

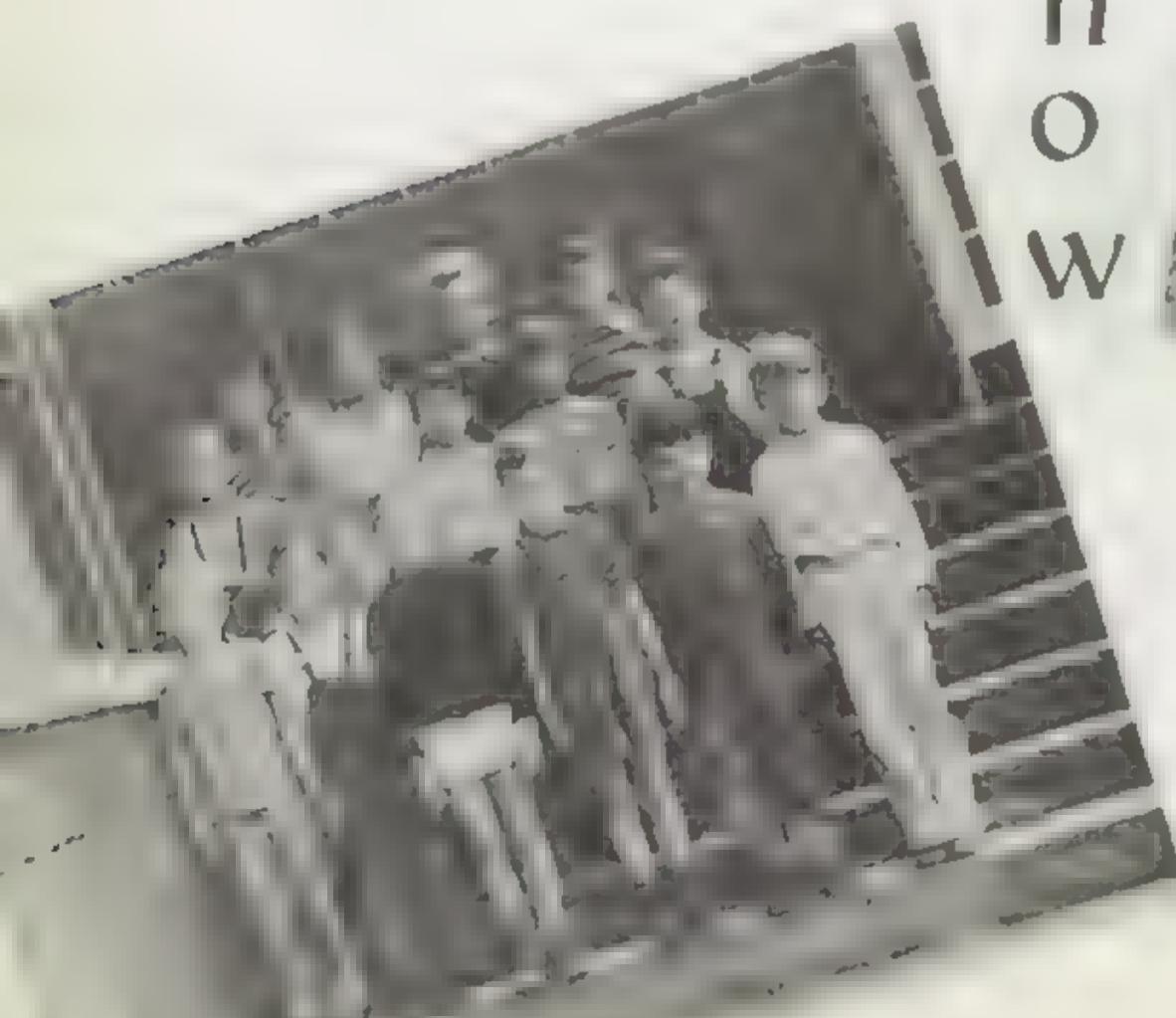
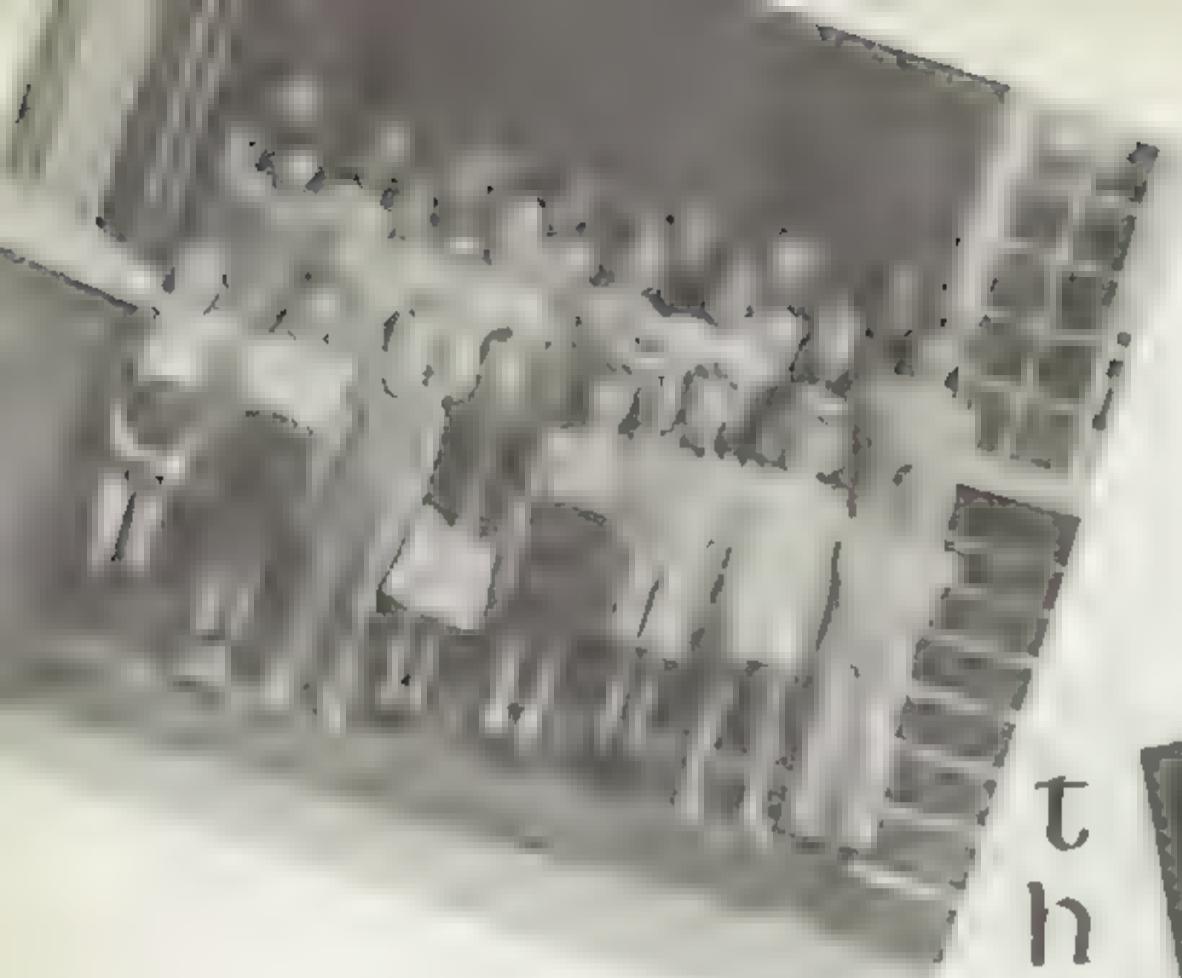
Master-of-ceremonies for the evening was Chuck Langerveld, who did an excellent job.



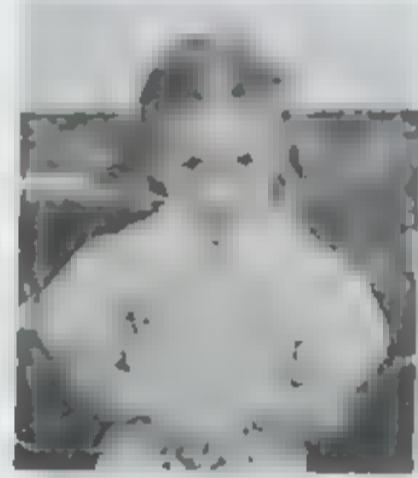
then
and
now

Several members of this year's
graduating class have managed to
spend all of their thirteen years
within the ivy-covered walls of
Paw Paw High.

Here they are - then and now!



long, long ago



Row 1 J. Quigno, J. Whitmore, J. Murch, R. Lanphear, J. Hartman
Row 2 B. Pederson, S. Swindell, D. Dage, P. Blakeman
Row 3 D. Hoger, A. Stoughton
Row 4 J. Webb, R. Bukovac, C. Silas

Long, Long Ago



Row 1 S. Paulus, P. Berner, P. McNellis, B. Meyer
Row 2 J. TenHouten, M. Pugsley, G. Barnes, G. Gustafson
Row 3 L. Hall, W. Skibbe, M. Edlund
Row 4 J. Hoger, E. McKee, F. Walters, S. Burger

long, long ago



Row 1 A. Kubian, G. Miller, C. Wolfe, S. Monroe
Row 2 L. Goodenough, S. Cole
Row 3 J. Goveia, B. Ritsema, J. Carrington, B. Henderson
Row 4 L. Baker, M. Pugsley, G. Barkovich, C. Poulin

CLASS HISTORY

That long-awaited day has finally arrived. Before long now, we, the Class of '54, will be marching, as sedately as possible, down the aisles of our beloved auditorium to the strains of Pomp and Circumstance. We'll all be feeling just a little proud and happy to think, "This is our graduation night. One of those diplomas up there is mine." But along with this feeling of pride and accomplishment, I think most of us will find a slight feeling of sadness and perhaps an occasional tear. For on this night that culminates a very important part of our lives we will recall the happenings of the past thirteen years in a new light, as things that are a part of the 'school days' we are leaving behind. We will remember the things that have been important and dear to us.

How big we felt on that September day back in 1941 when we could say to our younger friends, "I go to school now." Mrs. DeHaan, the Kindergarten teacher, immediately became our trusted friend, as she taught us to print our names, to sing nursery rhymes, and to make Christmas gifts for our parents.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Meyers for starting us out on the right track with Dick and Jane, and other fundamentals of learning.

Second grade presents a rather dim spot in our memories, except for our teacher, Miss McQuigg, whom we will never forget.

The beloved Miss Roth and fighting to see who would head the line to recess are associated with our recollections of third grade.

In fourth grade, under the capable direction of Miss Simmons, we furthered our learning, and even began our multiplication tables. We began

carrying home intelligent-looking books. After all, weren't we the seniors of the east end of the hall?

The next year, aside from the routine "readin', 'ritin', and 'rithmetic." Miss Brennan taught us numerous comical songs such as The Hi-So Cap. Even now, one of us is likely to come up with one of them, as they have remained our favorites. It was in the fifth grade also that we presented a very dignified (?) version of the Virginia reel for the May Festival.

Sixth grade was the culmination of our grade school experience. Poor Miss Stufft--she really had a class on her hands! We'll always remember that inevitable plunk on the piano when she wanted our attention, and our indignation at being told to 'march' out to recess. That year we spent many a cold wintry night gazing at the stars, and showed our dramatic ability by presenting our interpretation of Robin Hood.

Seventh grade, and upstairs with the High School at last! Highlights of the year were sponsoring our own class party and attending the Junior High party and the picnic at Base-line Lake.

The next year was that 'in-between' kind. We were far over and above the seventh grade but were terribly anxious to become freshmen. The parties and picnic were still about the extent of our social life.

As ninth graders we found that we had quite a few adjustments to make. For the first time we were allowed to choose for ourselves some of the subjects we were to pursue. Many of us were by then members of the band and choir. We made our class party a hard-times affair, a very momentous occasion.

Our high school life really began when we became sophomores. We now had desks in the study hall with the rest of the Senior High and could sit around in little groups before class time and talk and act very sophisticated. We

were now officially allowed to come to the dances and even sponsored one ourselves. The unifying subject of discussion at all our class meetings was how to make money for the following year. Speaking of class meetings, they certainly were riotous affairs, but I think Miss Freer and Mr. Gillender will agree that we have improved some since then.

Our junior year was certainly a very busy but wonderful one. Our principal objective was sponsoring a good junior-senior banquet and prom. We delved quickly into various money-making projects, among them the traditional magazine sale, from which we made considerable profit. We spent many long hours of hard work in the Sils garage preparing for the prom, but when we viewed the final outcome of our labor we all agreed that it was well worth the effort, for our street in gay Paris was very much admired by all. The banquet could also be termed a great success. Our theme?--Dormez-vous. Everyone stuffed himself with the delicious turkey and home-made pie. We were all very thrilled and proud (to say the least) when we finally received our coveted class rings. Another of the big events of the year was the speech class production of Come Over to Our House, which was also a success and will never be forgotten by members of the cast.

And now we're seniors at last. We've successfully presented the play Our Town, which will remain dear to the hearts of those of us who took part in it throughout the years to come. Thanks, Miss Freer! We've had our pictures taken and have been measured for caps and gowns, and we've struggled to meet the Wappaw deadlines. As we go to press, we are still looking forward to this year's prom, skip day, and the last of our annual treks to Silver Beach.

Yes, as we graduate on the ninth day of June, 1954, we will remember

these things-these and many others. To each of us, the diploma in our hands will mean something different. As we shake the hands of friends and relatives and receive their congratulations, we will all be thinking different thoughts and remembering different things, but in the back of each of our minds- that little voice saying, "I'm just a tiny bit sorry that I'm leaving." The future too holds something different for each of us. Some of us will go on to college, and others will find jobs. A few have made their matrimonial plans already. But no matter where we go or what we do, I'm sure none of us will ever forget the valuable experiences we've encountered here at Paw Paw High School. To the teachers who have so capably helped to guide us during these past thirteen years, let us say a big "Thank you."



BASEBALL



Row 2. B. Henderson, L. Reiter, J. Miller, J. Jones, B. Kruse, C. Thomas.
Row 1. Coach Wragg, A. Coler, T. Horn, L. Barkovich, L. Baxter, R. Schincarol.

Student Coach Dick Wragg's baseball team turned out a very fine league record in the spring of '53, capturing the second place berth with a record of four wins and two losses.

At the end of the season, the 'Skins had a 5-4 mark, losing two hard-fought tussles with Bangor.



track

1953 K. V. A. TRACK TEAM

Last Row- Jim Arneson, Ed. Bally, Fred Adams, William Anthony, Carl Silas
Cochrane, Jerry Arnett, Bert Frerke, Roger Morris, Charles Wayne
Falan.

First Row- Ed. McKee, Bill Lwert, Tom Fournier, Ed. Brackirk, Tom Horn, Laverne
Baxter, Morris Carmody, Carlton Irving.

The track team had one of its finest seasons in 1953. The Redskins placed first in the K. V. A. League Meet, racking up a total of 105 points to a mere 23 for the second place winner.

Varsity tennis was added to the sports program in 1953. Coach Vince McGugan's net squad completed its initial year in third place with a respectable 3-3 record in the K. V. A. League.

tennis

Frankie, Jim, Vic, Bill, Dennis, Bill, Jerry, Bill, Jerry

Varsity Club

B

President: [redacted] Secretary-Treasurer: [redacted]

sportsmanship and to clean up, is composed of boys who have won varsity awards during their years in high school sports.

President: Joe Goveia Secretary-Treasurer: Gene Miller

Vice President: Dave Hoger Bouncers: Bill Evert
[redacted] or Kruse

Throughout the 1953-54 athletic season, the cheerleaders led Redskin fans in their cheering at all varsity football and basketball games.

Cheerleaders









